

Town of Strong
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023

James Burrill called the Select Board's Meeting to order with a flag salute at 6 p.m.

All Select Board Members present. James Burrill, Milton Baston, Andrew Bracy, David Catino and Joel Doyon. All voted in favor.

Milton Baston made a motion to accept the Select Board Minutes from 07/11/2023, seconded by Andrew Bracy. All voted in favor.

Andrew Bracy motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 07/26/2023 for \$ 16,804.27, Joel Doyon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

8 West Freeman Road, Lorraine Lagasse They are working on the cleaning up the property, Devin has posted a request for someone to come take the metal. Several suggestions for people to contact were given to Devin. David Catino made a motion to ask Lorraine Lagasse & family to come to the next Select Board Meeting on August 8, 2023, to give an update on their progress. Seconded by Joel Doyon, all voted in favor.

New Business

Mil Rate, Robert Stevens presented his current minimum and maximum figures, 15.8 to 16.8. There are still things that will change this, Robert Worthley is coming next week to work with Robert Stevens and on the 8th of August he will have his recommendations.

MMA Voting Ballot for Vice President and 3 Executive Committee Members, all officers are running unopposed. The ballot was circulated to the Select Board to sign if they want.

Efficiency Maine Maria did some research, she spoke with a representative from Efficiency Maine who stated the Town of Strong did qualify for this grant and the rebate would be \$2,800 instead of \$500. Andrew Bracy stated he did know about this program, however Efficiency Miane stipulates what units go into the building whether they are what the space needs or not.

On the topic of grant fund, Andrew Bracy did speak with Zach (AVCOG) concerning the stairlift and it would not qualify.

Spirit of America sent a letter strongly suggesting that the town nominates Clyde Barker to be a recipient of the Award for outstanding community service. David Cation made a motion to select Clyde Barker for the Spirit of America Award. Motion seconded by Milton Baston, all voted in favor.

Franklin County Healthy Community Coalition no smoking/no alcohol signs & policy. Kathleen Doyon has ordered the signs and is working on wording for the policy. Kathleen will be at the August 8th Select Board Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Protection Agreement with Avon – Gilcrest called and relayed they will pay the \$4,500 for the first 4 call outs and \$1,023 for each call out thereafter. The line will be at Dustin Rd. Milton Baston believes it would be safer for the line to be the halfway point. Duayne Boyd said that on July 15th there was a carbon dioxide call out the Strong should have received but dispatch toned out NorthStar in Phillips and the Phillips Fire Department. This

needs to be figured out along the lines. Milton Baston remarked that the Avon Town office will be meeting next Tuesday, the Strong Fire Department is on the agenda.

Chairlift Maria contacted Ver-Tran, Inc, their estimate is \$3,375 the actual part is \$900, and the rest is travel and labor. Maria asked if she could look for other quotes. James Burrill suggested moving Chairlift to the next meeting, all agreed.

Entrance problem with the keys and locks Andrew Bracy was on vacation, Raylene spoke to the gentleman that came and due to the locks are no longer available and the handle not always working correctly, the better solution may be to replace the handle, lock and keys. The estimate was approximately \$200. Andrew Bracy is going to follow up, plus the library is having a problem with it's lock.

Public Comment: Concern about the Freeman Road how long does the Town give them to complete the process?

Treasurers Report: Maria has been helping the Assessor some and working on quarterly reports also did the accounting sheet. If you have any questions let me know.

Clerk Report Charlie Woodworth got back to me, he said the same as his newsletter, Strong projected start is in September Bob Carlton sent a copy of letter in opposition to the National Wildlife Refuge in the High Peaks Region, to send to Senator Collins. Raylene will have the letter ready to sign at the next meeting.

Public Works Duayne has a proposal for repairs on Hartwell Road. Option 1 is 19,776 (public works will do the prep work). Option 2 is \$25,422. Milton Baston made a motion to accept option 1, seconded by Joel. All voted in favor.

The grader needed repair; the bill was \$5,000.

Fire Department The 1997 GMC 3500 that is used when there is an accident is leaking fuel and gets stuck in gear. It is in the garage and Effie estimates it will be \$3,800 to \$4,000.

Select Board Reports

Joel Doyon: None

David Catino: Daniel is repairing the picnic table at the beach. David Catino has started looking for Christmas Decorations for the street light poles.

Andrew Bracy: None

Milton Baston: None

James Burrill: Nicole Jordan from Women's Veteran Glamping is looking for 100 acres to set up a campground. James Burrill will have more information at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Milton Baston, seconded by Joel Doyon.

Adjourned 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*
Town Clerk